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SUBJ: KOREAN ECONOMIC MISSIONS TO AFRICA

1. CURRENTLY THERE ARE 3 KOREAN ECONOMIC MISSIONS VISITING AFRICA. THE FIRST IS VISITING THE COASTAL COUNTRIES OF EAST AFRICA, THE SECOND IS VISITING CENTRAL AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND THE THIRD IS VISITING THE WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES OF SENEGAL, SIERRA LEONE, LIBERIA, IVORY COAST AND GHANA.

2. THE NINE MAN WEST AFRICAN MISSION WILL, IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSING INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS, ARE EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING JOINT FISHING VENTURES IN ALL THE COUNTRIES VISITED. IN SIERRA LEONE INCOMPLETE, EARLIER JOINT VENTURE DISCUSSIONS HAD BEEN HELD WITH THE FREETOWN BASED, LIBERTY FISHING COMPANY. HOWEVER, THIS MISSION WOULD IN ADDITION, LIKE TO DEVELOP A GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT HAS TERMINATED THE UNCLASSIFIED

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CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE FISHING CORPORATION AND THE

NORWEGIAN MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FIRM ASTRA, THEY HAVE INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS A JOINT VENTURE WITH KOREA. THEIR INTEREST IS APPARENTLY TO INTRODUCE KOREAN LONGLINE TUNA VESSELS (4?) WHICH WILL SUPPLY A SMALL CANNERY IN TEMA. IN ADDITION, THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION OF ONE KOREAN SHRIMP TRAWLER. 3.DUE TO THE LACK OF RESOURCES OF IVORY COAST, THE MISSION IS GOING TO SUGGEST FORMING AN IVORIAN JOINT VENTURE COMPANY WHICH WILL IN TURN FORM A JOINT VENTURE IN SENEGAL TO SUPPLY FISH FOR THE IVORIAN MARKET.
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